

Connect Multi-Academy Trust

Trustee and Governor Training Programme 2026/27

Training Update

A training programme has been developed for the rest of the year which details all face to face and remote training that is available for governors and trustees. This will include sessions that will be provided face to face training although there will be the option to join these remotely too. The intention is to cover some of the key training elements required in the Spring and Summer terms with the option to run sessions in both terms depending on demand. The intention will be to carry out a training needs survey with all trustees and governors to understand future training requirements. The proposed training programme for 2026/27 is:

Training session	Sate	Venue	Presenter
Induction Training for Beamish and Pelton governors	Monday 14 September 2026 4pm to 5pm	Pelton Primary School	Steven Dawson
Ofsted Training Update for Primary Schools	Tuesday 15 September 2026 4pm to 5pm	Catchgate Primary School	Pam Monaghan
Ofsted Training Update for North Durham Academy	Monday 21 September 2026 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Linda Rodham
Ofsted Training Update for Primary Schools	Tuesday 22 September 2026 4pm to 5pm	Pelton Primary School	Pam Monaghan
Induction Training for Trustees	Monday 28 September 2026	North Durham Academy	Steven Dawson
Understanding Finance in a Multi-Academy Trust	Tuesday 13 October 2026 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Andy Collishaw
SEND Training	Monday 19 October 2026 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Helen Witty
Ofsted Training Update for Consett Academy	Monday 2 November 2026 4pm to 5pm	Consett Academy	Linda Rodham
Governor Monitoring	Wednesday 4 November 2026 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Steven Dawson
Induction Training for new governors	Monday 16 November 2026 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Steven Dawson
Managing Suspensions and Exclusions	Monday 23 November 2026 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Steven Dawson
Understanding Data including the IDSR (Secondary Schools)	Monday 7 December 2026 4pm to 5:30pm	North Durham Academy	Adam Pearson

Understanding Data including the IDSR (Primary Schools)	Monday 14 December 2026 4pm to 5:30pm	North Durham Academy	Adam Pearson
Risk Management	Tuesday 12 January 2026 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Andy Collishaw
Induction Training for Governors	Monday 25 January 2027 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Steven Dawson
Governor Monitoring	Wednesday 17 February 2027	North Durham Academy	Steven Dawson
Safeguarding	Monday 22 March 2027	North Durham Academy	Deb Menear
Understanding Finance in a Multi-Academy Trust	Tuesday 25 May 2027 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Andy Collishaw
Induction Training	Wednesday 26 May 2027 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Steven Dawson
Governor Monitoring	Monday 21 June 2027 4pm to 5pm	North Durham Academy	Steven Dawson

To book a session please email Steven Dawson s.dawson@connectmat.org.uk

Mandatory Training through National College for All Trustees and Governors

The Trust also buys a package of training through the National College. All Trustees and Governors have access to this through <https://nationalcollege.com/home> Mandatory training has been added for all trustees and governors to complete and is be focused on:

- Annual Safeguarding Training
- GDPR and Cyber Security
- Prevent
- Inclusion

For anyone who did not complete the training, we would ask that you do this by 30 September 2026.

Clennell

The Trust currently utilises support through Clennell for Safeguarding across all in the Trust. As part of the package, trustees governors are able to access training that is provided. The following online training is scheduled for the autumn term:

- New Governor Safeguarding training 16 September 2026 from 4pm to 6pm
- Annual Governor Refresher Training 17 September 2026 from 5pm to 6pm
- Link Governor 22 September 2026 from 5pm to 6pm

- Annual Governor Refresher Training 29 September 2026 from 5pm to 6pm
- New Governor Safeguarding training 7 October 2026 from 4pm to 6pm
- Annual Governor Refresher Training 14 October 2026 from 5pm to 6pm
- Annual Governor Refresher Training 10 November 2026 from 5pm to 6pm
- New Governor Safeguarding training 16 November 2026 from 4pm to 6pm
- Governor Network 18 November 2026
- Annual Governor Refresher Training 7 December 2026 from 5pm to 6pm
- SEND Governor Network 10 December 2026 from 5pm to 6:30pm
- Link Governor 22 September 2026 from 5pm to 6pm
- New Governor Safeguarding training 9 December 2026 from 4pm to 6pm

To book place on any of the sessions please email s.dawson@connectmat.org.uk

GovernorHub

All governors have access to Governor Knowledge through GovernorHub which can be accessed by either logging into GovernorHub and clicking on Knowledge on the left hand side of the page or by clicking the link below

<https://schoolgovernors.thekeysupport.com/?origin=governorhub&sync=true>

Once in Governor Knowledge. Click on training towards the top of the page and it will detail all training available through GovernorHub and includes specific courses on link governor/trustee roles, Safeguarding, Pupil Premium, SEND, Induction as well as specific courses for staff and parent governors. These can be completed at your own pace and it is worth looking to see if any are specific to your role or to enhance your knowledge in a specific area.

Once you have completed any training, please go to you profile on GovernorHub which can be accessed by clicking your Name in the top right hand corner of the page and then selecting Training towards the top of the page and then click on add new training record. Alternatively, you can email Steven Dawson s.dawson@connectmat.org.uk